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FOLLOWING IS PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA MENTIONED REFTEL.

-PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE/

A. ASSESSMENT

1. /PRESENT FOOD SITUATION AND DIMENSIONS AND CAUSES OF HUNGER
AND MALNUTRITION IN THE WORLD/.

(A) CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF THE PRESENT FOOD SITUATION, INCLUDING
ANALYSIS OF FLUCTUATIONS IN THE SUPPLY OF FOOD AND CAUSES OF
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EMERGENCY FOOD SHORTAGES;

(B) REVIEW OF PRESENT AVAILABILITY AND COMSUMPTION OF FOOD BY GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS, ECONOMIC CLASSES AND VULNERABLE GROUPS IN RELATION TO MINIMUM NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS, LEADING TO AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE MAGNITUDE OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION AT PRESENT AND OF SOME OF THE UNDERLYING FACTORS SUCH AS POVERTY, ECONOGICAL CONSTRAINTS AND UNEMPLOYMENT;

(CL EVALUATION OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FOOD SITUATION OVER THE 1960'S AND EARLY YEARS OF THE 1970'S, INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION OF THE MAIN BOTTLENECKS IN THE REALIZATION OF THE FULL PRODUCTION POTENTIAL OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND CONDITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

2. /THE MAGNITUDE OF THE FOOD PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE AND POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO A SOLUTION/.

AN OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS WILL BE MADE OF THE NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE FUTURE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM IN THE INTERMEDIATE AND LONGER TERM. THIS WILL BE BASED /INTER ALIA/ ON:

(A) DETERMINATION OF THE WORLD'S FOOD AND NUTRITION REQUIREMENTS IN THE PERIOD UP TO 1985 (AND POSSIBLY 1990) BY MAIN GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MAIN DETERMINANTS OF EFFECTIVE DEMAND, NOTABLY POPULATION INCREASE AND INCOME GROWTH, AS WELL AS THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS;

(B) IDENTIFICATION OF A POSSIBLE FOOD GAP BETWEEN THE PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPLY OF FOOD IF RECENT PRODUCTION TRENDS WERE TO CONTINUE;

(C) ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIALITIES FOR CLOSING THE GAP AND AN ASSESSMENT OF PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UP TO 1985 AND POSSIBLY 1990, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT (I) THE SCOPE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AND CHANGES IN INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES; (II) REQUIREMENT OF INPUTS (INCLUDING ENERGY) ON THE BASIS OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE; AND (III) EXTERNAL CONSTRAINTS (INCLUDING TRADE AND MARKET CONDITIONS). THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS ANALYSIS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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STRATEGIC POLICY ISSUES. (SIC)

? NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION

3. /MEASURES FOR INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES/.

(A) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE WIDER PROBLMS OF DEVELOPMENT IN

GENERAL, AND THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TARGET FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN PARTICULAR, LONG-TERM GOALS MIGHT BE AGREED UPON FOR THE FOOD PRODUCTION OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, COMBINED WITH THE ADOPTION OF A STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING THESE GOALS THROUGH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES, PARTICULARLY FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (B) WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS STRATEGY, AN UNDERTAKING COULD BE MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

(I) FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY LAND AND WATER; (II) EXPANDED PROVISION OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS, INCLUDING SEED OF IMPROVED VARIETIES, FERTILIZERS PESTICIDES AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT, WITH LARGER FACILITIES FOR MANUFACTURE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (III) STRUCTURAL AND INSTITUTIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR AGRICULTURAL CREDIT, TRAINING AND EXTENSION, AND RESEARCH; THE BUILDING UP OF RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE; AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND REFORM COMBINED WHERE NECESSARY WITH RESETTLEMENT; (IV) INTENSIFIED MEASURES FOR THE REDUCTION OF CROP LOSSES, ESPECIALLY AFTER HARVEST, INCLUDING THE IMPROVEMENT OF STORAGE FACILITIES; (V) EXPANSION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TO DEVELOP AN OPTIMAL TECHNOLOGY FOR THE AGRICULTURE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LIMITATIONS OF A CAPITAL-INTENSIVE AND ENERGY-INTENSIVE APPROACH TO ACHIEVING INCREASES IN PRODUCTIVITY; (C) GOVERNMENTS SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO RE-EXAMINE THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THEIR AGRICULTURAL SECTORS AND TO FORMULATE A STRATEGY FOR FOOD SUPPLY EITHER FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OR FROM IMPORTS FINANCED BY NON-FOOD EXPORTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH BY GROUPS OF COUNTRIES; (D) GOVERNMENTS SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO RE-EXAMINE THE NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF THEIR POPULATIONS AND TO FORMULATE A STRATEGY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THEIR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT FOR ENSURING UNCLASSIFIED

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AN ADEQUATE DIET FOR ALL, PARTICULAR ATTENTION BEING PAID BOTH IN THE RE-EXAMINATION AND IN THE STRATEGY TO PEOPLE AT LOWER INCOME LEVELS AND TO MEMBERS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS SUCH AS YOUNG CHILDREN, EXPECTANT AND NURSING OTHERS, AND THE AGED;

(E) MEASURES COULD BE FORMULATED TO MOBILIZE THE RESOURCES, BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL, REQUIRED TO MEET THE STRATEGIES AND IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMMES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

4. /STRENGTHENING WORLD FOOD SECURITY THROUGH CO-ORDINATED STOCK-HOLDING, EMERGENCY RELIEF AND FOOD AID./

(A) ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE WORLDWIDE COOPERATION IN MAINTENANCE OF ADEQUATE FOOD STOCKS IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN FAO TOWARDS AN AGREED INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON

WORLD FOOD SECURITY, INCLUDING SAYS OF MOBILIZING RESOURCES
REQUIRED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE FOOD RESERVE
POLICIES;

(B) IPROVED MEASURES FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF IN CASES OF
DISASTER INCLUDING POSSIBILITIES FOR (I) CREATING INTERNATIONAL
FOOD RESERVES FOR EMERGENCIES; (II) IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL
COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES CONCERNING DISASTER ERELIEF AND LONGER-
TERM REHABILITATION AND INTENSIFIED EFFORTS TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE
THE IMPACT OF DISASTERS;

(C) FORMULATION OF A LONG-TERM POLICY FOR FOOD AID AS A COMPLEMENT
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